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SUBJECT: TIMERMAN LOSES ARGENTINE CIVIL RIGHTS

1. EX-LA OPINION EDITOR, JACOBO TIMERMAN, WAS PLACED UNDER THE "INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT" BY THE MILITARY JUNTA ON NOVEMBER 10. HIS INCLUSION UNDER THE ACT MEANS HE LOSES ALL CIVIL RIGHTS, THE USE OF PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS UNTIL LEGITIMATE OWNERSHIP IS ESTABLISHED, AND CAN BE HELD IN JAIL INDEFINITELY.

2. THE TIMERMAN FAMILY IS STUNNED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. THEY LEARNED OF IT ONLY WHEN THEY READ THE MORNING PAPERS AND DO NOT KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET IT. TIMERMAN'S SON COMMENTED TO THE USIS PRESS OFFICER "WHY NOW AFTER SEVEN MONTHS? IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING BUT A VINDICTIVE ACTION." ONE FAMILY FRIEND VENTURED THE THEORY THAT THIS PAVES THE WAY FOR TIMERMAN'S RELEASE, BUT THE FAMILY IS NOW VERY PESSIMISTIC ON THAT SCORE.

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE GOA ON NOVEMBER 8 CREATED A "NATIONAL COMMISSION OF PATRIMONIAL RESPONSIBILITY" (CONAREPA) TO INVESTIGATE AND RULE ON THE LEGITIMACY OF PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS HELD

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